Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two foreigners posing as Kenyan citizen have absconded after taking Indian Currency against the fake Dollars from the Alwar branch of Bank of Baroda;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the concerned officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN ITHE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Bank of Baroda has reported posing as Kenyan citizens visited its Alwar branch on 4th an 7th October, 1991 and exchanged currency notes amounting to US $ 1700, equivalent to Rs. 43,350/-. On presentation of the currency notes by Alwar branch for re-imbursement to the bank's Overseas branch had lodged had FIR with the local Police on 23rd October, 1991.

[English]

Filling up of Vacant Posts in Nationalised Banks

3634. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to State number of posts in the nationalised banks which have been filled up by different categories during 1990 and 1991 till 31 October, 1991 and the posts still lying vacant, state-wise and bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Closed and Sick Textile Mills in Bombay

3635. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum from the Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh regarding the problems of closed and sick textile mills in Bombay; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the government to find a solution to their problems and take over the sick mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has set up a Nodal Agency to evolve and implement packages for the revival of closed/sick textile mills found to be viable. Government has also set up a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction(BIFR) to determine and enforce the preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures for the revival of sick industrial units. Taking over by Government of nationalisation of sick units does not provide a solution to sick industries.

Trade Protocol with USSR

3636. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade protocol for 1992 between India and the Soviet Union has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the targets and achievements of the trade protocol for 1991 as on November 10, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The annual Indo-Soviet Trade Protocols are usually